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MODERATE, INFLUENTIAL PRENSA GRAFICA FOLLOWED UP EDITORIAL
REPORTED REFTEL WITH ANOTHER STATEMENT SUPPORTING CANAL
TREATY AND SEPT. 7 SUMMIT.

"THE SIGNING OF THE DOCUMENT SEPTEMBER 7," SAID TODAY'S
EDITORIAL, "IS BUT ONE STEP, WHICH TAKES IT INTO THE LEGIS-
LATIVE PROCESS. AND CONGRESSIONAL RATIFICATION IS STILL NOT,
SHALL WE SAY, VERY CLEAR."

EXPRESSING DISMAY AT CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION TO TREATY,
EDITORIAL CONTINUES, "IT IS WITHIN THE REALM OF POSSIBILITY
THAT THE 'OPPOSITION' OF SOME LEGISLATORS MAY BE ONLY A CARD
IN THE GAME OF INTERNAL POLITICS. IN THAT GAME, ONE OF THE
FAVORITE BLUFFS--EVERYWHERE--IS THE ONE THAT CAUSES THE MOST
DIFFICULTY FOR THE ADVERSARY. BUT THERE IS STILL SOME TIME
BEFORE THE CONGRESSMEN CAN DECLARE THEMSELVES DEFINITELY
ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. THAT WILL TAKE PLACE WHEN THE
DOCUMENT THAT IS SIGNED SEPTEMBER 7 GETS TO CONGRESS FOR ITS
RATIFICATION."

IN ITS SECOND PART, THE EDITORIAL COMMENDS THE MEETING OF
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LATIN AMERICAN PRESIDENTS TO WITNESS THE TREATY SIGNING. "A
HIGH LEVEL MEETING--EVEN IF THE CHIEFS OF STATE WERE
OBSERVERS ONLY--WOULD BE IN KEEPING WITH THE SOLIDARITY
THAT THE LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS HAVE SHOWN WITH PANAMA AT ALL
TIMES.

"IF THIS HIGH LEVEL MEETING WITH ALL THE LATIN AMERICAN
CHIEFS OF STATE COULD BE ACHIEVED, THE CARTER-TORRIJOS CAUSE

WOULD HAVE A VALUABLE MEANS OF PRESSURE ON THE DECISION OF U.S.
CONGRESSMEN."
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